### Child and Adult Care Food Program Parent Letter – Non-Pricing Child Care Centers July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

#### Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Our center is currently participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This program reimburses the center for the partial cost of meals provided to children and allows the center to provide nutritious meals without increasing the center's fees to you. If your yearly income is equal to or below the amount listed for your family size on the chart below, your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals. If the income is higher than the amount listed for your family size, you do not need to complete the income application.

Family Size	Yearly Income	Family Size	Yearly Income
1	\$23,107	5	\$55,815
2	\$31,284	6	\$63,992
3	\$39,461	7	\$72,169
4	\$47,638	8	\$80,346
	For each	additional Family Member, add	+\$8,177

To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits for your children, you must complete the attached Income Eligibility Form (IEF). Your application for free or reduced-price meal benefits cannot be approved unless the attached application is completed according to the directions provided; however you are not required to complete the IEF. Notify the center should the household income decrease and/or if the household size increases. A participant may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. The application is valid until the last day of the month in which the form was approved/dated/signed one year earlier.

Sincerely,

#### Center Owner/Director

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http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint filing cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; fax: (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov.
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This statement implementation date is November 2015.



### MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES BUREAU OF COMMUNITY FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

#### INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS

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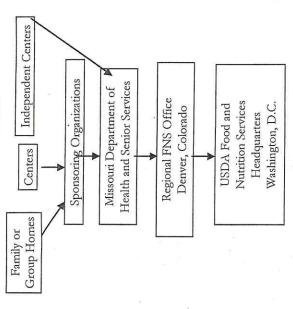
# How does CACFP work?

CACFP reimburses participating centers and child care homes for serving nutritious meals. CACFP is administered at the federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) administers the CACFP. MDHSS approves sponsoring organizations and independent centers to operate the program on the local level. MDHSS also monitors the program and provides guidance and assistance to assure that sponsors and centers are meeting requirements.

Sponsoring organizations play a critical role in supporting home child care providers and centers, through training, technical assistance, and monitoring. All family or group child care homes must participate through a sponsoring organization. Several types of organizations can be approved to serve as sponsors, e.g., community action groups, nonprofit organizations and churches.

## CACFP Network



If you are interested in the CACFP, or have questions about the Program, call 1-800-733-6251 or access our website at: <a href="www.health.mo.gov/cacfp">www.health.mo.gov/cacfp</a>

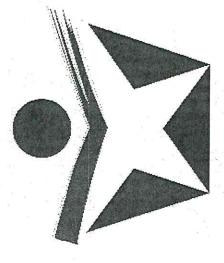
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The Missouri Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)



## Building for the Future

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance

## What is CACFP?

CACFP is the Child and Adult Care Food Program, a Federal program that provides reimbursement for healthy meals and snacks served to children and adults in day care settings.

In Missouri each day, more than 54,000 children and older adults participate in CACFP. CACFP helps families meet the nutritional needs of their dependent children and vulnerable adults. In addition, CACFP plays a vital role in improving the quality of child or adult care and making it affordable for many low-income families.

In addition to child care, CACFP helps make afterschool programs more appealing to atrisk youth. By offering nutritious and tasty snacks and suppers in programs serving low-income areas, centers can increase participation and know that youth are getting a healthy meal.

Homeless children and children from temporarily displaced families can also receive up to three meals each day through shelters that operate the program.

# Who is eligible for CACFP meals?

- Children age 12 and under.
- Migrant children age 15 and younger
- Youths through age 18 in afterschool programs.
- Functionally impaired adult participants or adults age 60 and older enrolled in an adult day care center.



# What kinds of meals are served?

CACFP facilities must follow meal patterns that are established by USDA.

- **Breakfast** consists of a serving of milk, fruits or vegetables or juice, and grains or bread.
- Lunch and dinner require milk, grains or bread, meat or meat alternate, and two servings of fruits or vegetables.
- Snacks include two of the four components: milk, fruits/vegetables, grains/bread or meat/meat alternate.

# Which facilities can participate?

Many different facilities operate CACFP, all sharing the common goal of bringing nutritious meals and snacks to participants.

- Child Care Centers: Licensed or approved public or private nonprofit child care centers, Head Start programs, and some for-profit centers serve meals to large numbers of lowincome children.
- Family Child Care Homes: Small groups of children receive nonresidential child care in licensed or registered private homes.
- Afterschool Cate Programs: Centers in low-income areas provide free snacks to school-aged children and youth.
- Homeless Shelters: Emergency shelters provide residential and food services to homeless children.
- Adult Day Care Centers: Public, private nonprofit, and some for-profit adult day care facilities provide structured, comprehensive services to functionally impaired, nonresident



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